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*** 4 2 5 D X N E W S ***
**** DX INFORMATION ****

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- 4W - Bert, PE7T and James, 9V1YC have been active again as 4W/PE7T and 4W/N1YC from Timor Leste since 21 February, and will remain there until 1 March. They operate SSB and CW on 80-10 metres. QSL 4W/N1YC via W5UE and LoTW, QSL 4W/PE7T via bureau to PE7T and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]
- 4X - Amir, 4X6TT and possibly others will be active as 4X429DS from the Dead Sea, Earth's lowest elevation on land (429 metres below sea level), on 3-6 March. QSL via N4GMR.
- 7X - Operators from the Algerian Amateur Radio Union will be active from five lighthouses in the next coming months. They will be using special call signs whose suffixes form the word "lighthouse" as follows: 7Y9LI from Cap Ivi (28 April-2 May), 7Y9GH from Cap Tenes (19-23 May), 7Y9TH from Ras Afia (14-18 July), 7Y9OU from Cap Fer Marsa (18-22 August) and 7Y9SE from Cap Sigli (15-19 September). QSL for all call signs via SM4VPZ. Information on the free of charge certificate available for working these stations can be found at www.qrz.com/db/7X5ARU.
- 9A - To celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Croatian Association of Technical Culture, several stations have been allowed to add "70" to their prefix and use this special call sign until the end of the year. For instance, Tom 9A2AA will be active as 9A702AA, and 9A0A (Croatian national society) will use 9A700A. [TNX 9A2AA]
- CE - Martin, LU9EFO will be active as XR7LU from Isla Ascension (SA-043) on 18-22 March. QSL via F4BHW. [TNX DX World]
- E5_sc - Don, VE7AQA will be active holiday style as E51AQA from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands on 4-19 March. He will operate SSB on the HF bands. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]
- FK - Arnaud, JG1XMV is active as FK/JG1XMV from New Caledonia, namely Ile des Pins (OC-032, 26-29 February) and Ouvea (OC-033, 1-3 March). QSL via JG1XMV. [TNX DX World]
- HC - Bill, W0OR will be active again as HC1WDT from Cotacachi, Ecuador from 2 March to 29 April. He will operate mainly CW with some RTTY and SSB on 80-10 metres, with a focus on 30, 17 and 12m. QSL via W0OR (direct) and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]
- HS - A team from the Southern Thailand DX Club (STDXC) will be active as E20HHK/p from Maeo Island (AS-145) on 3-5 March. QSL via E20HHK. [TNX The Daily DX]
- ISO - A number of ARI club stations from Sardinia (EU-024) will be active on 28 February: IQ0AG/p (Cagliari), IQ0AI/p (Carbonia), IQ0AK/p (Porto Torres), IQ0AL/p (Capoterra), IQ0AM/p (Quartu S. Elena), IQ0EH (Arbatax), IQ0SS/p (Sassari). If you work any of them, make sure you log them properly as Sardinia (ISO) and not Italy. [TNX ISOJMA]

- JW - Look for Manfred JW/DK1BT, Wolf JW/DL4WK, Sigi JW/DL7DF and Frank JW/DL7UFR to be active from Longyearbyen (EU-026), Svalbard from 30 March to 4 April. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 on 160-10 metres with two stations. QSL via DL7DF (logsearch and OQRS for bureau and direct cards on www.dl7df.com/jw/) and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]
- P4 - Aruba's national flag and anthem were adopted in March 1976; on 1 January 1986, Aruba gained "status aparte" and became a constituent country of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in its own right (and, DXCC wise, a new Entity was born). Celebrating these anniversaries, special callsign P40AUA will be active on 1-31 March. QSL via P43E.
- PZ - K0BBC and N0AT will be active as PZ5W from Suriname on 2-8 March. They will operate CW, SSB and PSK on 160-10 metres, including activity during the ARRL DX SSB Contest. QSL via N0AT and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]
- S9 - Bruno, HB9BEI has been on Sao Tome since 25 February, but his luggage did not arrive. Hopefully it will on Sunday, with activity as S9BK [425DXN 1293] expected to start on 29 February or 1 March. [TNX The Daily DX]
- SM - Fred, SM7DAY will be active again as SM7DAY/p from Senoren Island (EU-138) on 12-18 March. He operates mainly CW, but will also be QRV on SSB and PSK. QSL via home call, direct or bureau; OQRS on Club Log. [TNX SM7DAY]
- T8 - Ken, BM2JCC as T88KH and Hagen, DL2KUH as T88KU will be active from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 17-21 March. QSL T88KH via BM2JCC and Club Log's OQRS; QSL T88KU via DL2KUH (bureau preferred), LoTW and eQSL.
- UA - Special event stations R12APR (QSL via R3LO), R1934G (QSL via R3LC), R1961G (QSL via RV3LZ), R55CPK (QSL via UA3LMR), RG55GC (QSL via RZ3LC), RG61PP (QSL via RZ3LC), RK55GG (QSL via RZ3LC) and RL55GC (QSL via R3LA) will be active from 1 March to 30 April to commemorate the 55th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's first manned flight into outer space (12 April 1961). See www.gagarin.ga for complete information on the event and the relevant certificates and plaque. [TNX RV3LZ]
- UA - Mike, UA1QV will be active as RI1PA from Kolguev Island (EU-085) on 5-19 March. QSL via home call, logsearch on Club Log. [TNX UA1QV]
- UA - Andrey R9XC, Yuri UA0KBG and Victor UA3AKO plan to be active as RT92KA from Alyumka Island (AS-092) for at least five days indicatively between 20 and 25 April. Actual dates will depend on local conditions. They will operate CW and SSB on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 metres with two stations. QSL via UA3AKO, direct or bureau (OQRS). [TNX qrz.ru]
- UA - Celebrating Russian Robinson Club's 23rd anniversary, a team of four (R7AL, RA1ZZ, RA3AV and UD0XAA) will be active as UE23RRC from Kambal'nyy (Toporkov) Island (AS-142) on 9-14 August. This IOTA group was activated only once, back in 1999. They will operate CW and SSB on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres with two stations. Logsearch and OQRS for direct and bureau cards on Club Log. Further information on www.as142.org.
- W - Erik, N5WR will be active as N5WR/4 from Dauphin Island (NA-213)

on 11-18 March. He will operate mainly CW. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

YB - Imam, YB4IR plans to be active as YB4IR/3 from Bawean Island (OC-197) on 23-27 March. QSL via home call, direct or bureau (see qrz.com for the link to Club Log's OQRS for direct cards). [TNX DX World]

SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICA TRIP ---> Daniel, DL5YWM will be travelling to Peru, Honduras and El Salvador in March. He will be active as OA4/DL5YWM from Lima on 12-25 March, as HR4/DL5YWM from Isla del Tigre (NA-060) on 25-27 March and as YS3/DL5YWM from Isla Meanguera (NA-190) on 27-31 March. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

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7P8C ---> Club Log's OQRS for the recent DXpedition to Lesotho has been activated. >From 8 to 17 February 50180 QSOs with 17297 unique callsigns were made (26908 SSB, 19236 CW and 4036 RTTY). Further information on the operation and a photo gallery can be found at www.lesotho2016.com.

FT4JA ---> "Last month, we reached a milestone with the shipment by sea of our equipment which marks a definite point of no return for the project both for logistical and financial support", the FT4JA team reported on 23 February. Departure for Juan de Nova is expected on 26 March, with operations planned between 29 March and 11 April. There will be six stations active on the HF bands, and one station for 6m. Read the Press Release on www.juandenovadx.com, and pay attention to the band plan coordinated with VK0EK. Further information, including QSL route and real-time monitoring, is expected a few days before departure.

VK0EK & AUDIOLOG ---> "This service enables us to call on a telephone from any location (including from Heard Island), and make an audio recording. The system automatically captures the audio track, and provides it online for anyone to listen with any browser. You can listen to the initial recordings by going to <https://media.vk0ek.org>". The Audio Log entries will be posted daily to DXpedition's website (<http://vk0ek.org/>) in the News section.

VP8STI/VP8SGI & LOTW ---> "Although our previous policy was to give LoTW only to those who requested a QSL card and then do a full LoTW upload in September", the Intrepid-DX Group VP8 Team announced on 28 February, "we have just now decided to do a full upload to LoTW as our way of saying 'thank you' for everyone's generous support! We have just completed uploading the entire VP8STI and VP8SGI logs to Log Book of the World. Soon, we will upload VP8IDX and VP8DRC logs to LoTW as well. We hope that this gesture will negate the need to send us bureau cards which we feel will someday be replaced by Log Book of the World. It is our hope to encourage and promote this development. Soon, you will be able to read accounts of

our journey and we will produce a nice video which we will share with you at no cost".

+ SILENT KEY + Norman Pascoe, G4USB passed away on 11 February. He was one of the founders and the yearly organiser of the International Marconi Day, one of the most popular events in amateur radio. Both the event's (gb4imd.com) and the Cornish Radio Amateur Club's (gx4crc.com) websites are currently offline. "We are trying to sort this and gain access to them", Steve G7VOH says, "but it will take some considerable time. For those who have already registered there is have nothing more to do but if anyone need to register please email crac.imd[@]gmail.com and they will be added to the list". [TNX RSGB]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B9FR, 3D2RJ, 3W1D, 3W3MD, 3W3MD/p (AS-062), 3XY5M, 5E2E, 5H3EE, 6Y4K, 7Q7BP, BU2AW, C37N, C92ZO, CE0Y/R4WAA, CE0Y/RZ3FW, CO90IARU, CT7/F8BBL (EU-150), D4C, DQ7DSV, DS2GOO/2 (AS-090), DS2GOO/4 (AS-093), DU7ET, EI90IARU, EP6T (AS-166), FM/DL7VOG, GD6IA, H44MY, J6/DL7VOG, J6/K4ZGB, J87GU, JD1BMH, K5P (OC-085), KL7KY, M0YCM/6Y5, NP4A, NP4DX, OJ0DX, P40MA, PJ2T, PJ4/OH1MA, PJ4/OH2BAD, PJ4DX, PX8K (SA-042), R7AL/0 (AS-172), RT22MC, RT9K/0 (AS-203), S79C (AF-119), S9TM (AF-023), ST90IARU, SV2ASP/A, SV5BYR, T2GC, T2TT, T45FM, T46FY, T88UW, TA2AO/4, TI9/3Z9DX, TK/S53XX, TX3X, TZ4AM, TZ9A, V5/DL3DXX, V63TO, V73D, VK6BP/p (OC-071), VY0M (NA-248), W100AW, W1AW/KH8, W7D, XE2X, YJ0AFU, YT5W, YT90NS, YW5Z (SA-059), ZA/YT5Z, ZD8W, ZF2MJ.

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